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RAILWAY CAR COUPLER KNUCKLE HAVING IMPROVED BEARING SURFACE

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Dear Sir:

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Applicants respectfully request, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, that the references listed on the attached PTO-1449 form be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of these references are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. Furthermore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(h), no representation is made that the references qualify as prior art or that they are material to the patentability of the present application.

Applicants are filing the attached Request for Continued Examination (RCE) with this Information Disclosure Statement in order that the references can be considered by the Examiner.

Although Applicants believe no other fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or credit to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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